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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 9871

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GROWING ISRAELI CONTACT WITH SOUTH AFRICA CRITICIZED  
BY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

1. ON HIS RETURN FROM COLOMBO NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT WEDNESDAY NIGHT, EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMISSIONER GARBA TOLD NEWSMEN THAT PROSPECTS FOR RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL ARE "BLEAK". HE BLAMED THIS OUTLOOK ON GROWING ISRAELI COOPERATION WITH SOUTH AFRICA. THIS FACTOR HAD ADDED A NEW DIMENSION TO NIGERIA'S ATTITUDE WHICH TWO MONTHS AGO HAD BEEN DEPENDENT ON THE STATE OF ISRAEL'S RELATIONS WITH ITS ARAB NEIGHBORS. GARBA ASERTEED THAT ISRAEL PLANNED TO SUPPLY MILITARY EQUIPMENT (SHIPS) TO SOUTH AFRICA AND CLAIMED THAT ISRAELIS WERE ALREADY HELPING SOUTH AFRICA "HINDER" FREEDOM FIGHTERS BY "POLICING" THE DESERT ZONE BETWEEN ANGOLA AND NAMIBIA.

2. COMMENT: THE NIGERIANS HAVE TAKEN NOTE OF VORSTER'S ISRAELI VISIT ("ISRAEL DINES WITH AFRICA'S NUMBER ONE ENEMY") AND OTHER SIGNS OF INCREASED ISRAELI/SOUTH AFRICAN COOPERATION.  
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IT SEEMS ABUNDANTLY CLEAR FROM HERE THAT ISRAEL HAS JEOPARDIZED

ANY EARLY RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS WITH NIGERIA BY ITS RECENT  
ACTIONS WITH RESPECT TO SOUTH AFRICA. CONTINUED COOPERATION  
AND COLLABORATION BETWEEN TEL AVIV AND PRETORIA WILL DRIVE THE  
FMG TO TAKE OVER STRONGER STANDS AGAINST ISRAEL. IT MAY EVEN  
ERODE NIGERIA'S WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE TO OPPOSE ISRAELI  
EXPULSION OR SUSPENSION FROM THE UN AS GARBA REPORTEDLY DID  
DURING LAST MONTHS OF OUR MEET IN MAURITIUS.  
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